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WASHINGTON (AP) - CIA director Stansfield Turner said Sunday the assassination of President Marien Ngouabi of the People's Republic of the Congo ''appears to be a typical internal problem there.''

He meant by that, Turner said, that ''it's something handled by some people inside the Congo.'' But he added that ''the evidence is very, very tenuous and slim at this point.''

Turner's remarks were made on the CBS television program ''Face the Nation''.

In a wide-ranging interview, Turner also said said it is possible the investigations of the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by the House Select Committee on Assassinations ''will require further intelligence information from our files.''

''We will be as cooperative as we can,'' he said.

Turner also said he has begun ''a careful review'' of all covert and clandestine activities being conducted by American intelligence.

''There's nothing illegal or improper going on at this time,'' he declared.

He also stated: ''There are no American newsmen of any kind on the payroll of the intelligence community and there will not be.''

As for the Soviet Union, Turner said he believes the Russians ''think in 19th Century power terms,'' that is, that military force will compensate for other weaknesses.

He said he thinks the military balance between the United States and Soviet Union ''is gradually eroding toward the Soviet side.'' But he added: ''I think we can and will redress it.''

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